THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITON NO.3042 OF 2007

Dated 28-02-2007

Between:

Ch.Shankara Chary

…Petitioner

And

The Chief of the Divisional Forest Officer,
Hyderabad, and others.

…Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed assailing the action of the respondents in seizing the lorry bearing No.AP-16-TW-4884. The petitioner states that one Mr.K.Venkat Reddy, obtained a permit, on 16-11-2006, from the Divisional Forest Officer, Nalgonda, for transporting 180 bags of charcoal, and hired his lorry. It is alleged that on the same day, the lorry was seized by the Forest Section Officer, Raghunathpally, and ever since then, it has not been released.

It is stated that the matter is being referred by one authority to another, among respondents 1 to 4, and for the last three months, he is put to severe loss and hardship.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Forest.

The matter was heard at length, at various levels. Though the proceedings were initiated under Section 44 of the A.P. Forest Act, before the 4th respondent, they came to be dealt with, by almost all the respondents, as if they are the Authorized Officers, or Appellate Authorities, as the case may be.

Even after lapse of three months, the respondents are not able

to decide the course of action, much less, the outcome thereof. When the displeasure of this Court, in this regard, was expressed, the 4th respondent has undertaken to pass appropriate orders, on the next day.

Today, learned Government Pleader has filed a copy of the letter, issued by the 1st respondent, which is to the effect that, he directed release of the vehicle to the petitioner.

In view of this development, nothing remains to be decided in this writ petition. The same is accordingly closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J.

Dt.28-02-2007.

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